



State of California  
The Natural Resources Agency  
California Department of Forestry and Fire Protection (CAL FIRE)

## NOTICE OF EXEMPTION

<b>PROJECT TITLE</b>	Big Foot Subdivision Shaded Fuel Break		
<b>PROJECT LOCATION</b>	West half of Section 28 in Township 7 North, Range 5 East, Humboldt B&M	<b>COUNTY</b>	Humboldt
<b>LEAD AGENCY</b>	California Department of Forestry and Fire Protection (CAL FIRE)		
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### PROJECT DESCRIPTION

Construct a shaded fuel break for approximately 2000 by 100 feet (5 acres) along the western property line of parcel number 52251101 in the town of Willow Creek. Crews will utilize chainsaws, chippers and handtools to clear brush and small trees adjacent to a neighborhood parcel line. The project will provide approximately 155 structures in the community of Willow Creek an increased fire protection for both egress and ingress for a fire threat from the East. Hazardous fuel loading will be greatly reduced. The project will include limbing, pruning, small tree removal, and brushing along the parcel line. The resulting hazardous fuels will be treated by a combination of chipping, lop, and scatter material to within eighteen inches of the ground. The project area is made up of various brush species as well as several tree species which include Alder, White fir, Douglas fir and pine trees. The area will remove brush and small trees to allow trees to be spaced at a target of fourteen by fourteen foot spacing. The maximum tree diameter for removal is 8 inches. Remaining trees will be limbed to reduce ladder fuels. The resulting project area will result in an increase in fire reduction and protection for the community of Willow Creek, CA

### EXEMPTION STATUS

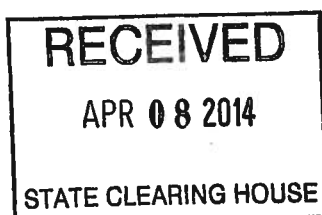
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| <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> | Categorical Exemption Type/Section: Class     | 4 - Minor alterations to land - minor vegetation removal |
| <input type="checkbox"/>            | Statutory Exemption (state code section):     |  |
| <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> | Ministerial (§21080(b)(1); 15268)             |  |
| <input type="checkbox"/>            | Declared Emergency (§21080(b)(3); 15269(a))   |  |
| <input type="checkbox"/>            | Emergency Project (§21080(b)(4); 15269(b)(c)) |  |


### REASONS PROJECT IS EXEMPT

This project fits under portions of Section 15304 Minor alterations to land Class 4

The project is classified as a Categorical Exemption, Section 15300.1 and Class 4, Section 15304 (i). Field review by CAL FIRE staff confirmed that no exceptions apply which would preclude the use of a Notice of Exemption for this project. The Department has concluded that no significant environmental impact would occur to aesthetics, agriculture and forestland/timberland, air quality, biological resources, cultural resources, geology and soils, greenhouse gas emissions, hazards and hazardous materials, hydrology and water quality, land use planning, mineral resources, noise, population and housing, public services, recreation, transportation/traffic, or to utilities and service systems. Documentation of the environmental review completed by the Department is kept on file at CAL FIRE Humboldt - Del Norte Unit, 118 Fortuna Blvd., Fortuna, CA 95540.

### DATE RECEIVED FOR FILING



 4/8/14  
Duane Shintaku, Deputy Director Date  
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